

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1941.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

Statistics & Social Conditions in the Area.

Extracts from Vital Statistics for 1941.

Causes of death are classified as follows:—

Total Deaths 69. Males. 39. Females. 30.

Systematic inspections of the district were periodically carried out and all essential services such as Water, Sewerage and Refuse Collection and Disposal were satisfactorily maintained.

Factories Act.

No special measures had to be taken during the year and the general health of the workers remained good.

Infectious and Other Diseases.

No cases of Malaria or dysentery were notified. During the summer and autumn there was a small epidemic of measles in the area. The cases were all of a mild type and no deaths from this disease resulted. The district was generally free from influenza throughout the year.

Although the Council fully advertised the free scheme in operation in the district for immunisation of children against Diphtheria the response was not nearly as gratifying as one would wish. At the year end 543 children in this area had been immunised, representing less than 60% of the estimated child population. To make the scheme a success in the area, it is essential that the percentage of children immunised against this dreaded disease should be far greater.

Diphtheria anti-toxin is issued gratuitously when required and is promptly used when necessary.

The district was again free from any Influenza Epidemic.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

Notifiable Disease.	Total Under											Hosp.	Deaths.
	all	1	3	5	10	15	20	35	45	65			
	Ages		3	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	Over		
Smallpox.	Nil.												
Scarlet Fever.	Nil.												
Diphtheria.	1.		1									1.	
Enteric Fever (including paratyphoid)	Nil.												
Puerperal Pyrexia.	Nil.												
Pneumonia.	6.			1				1	4			0.	3.
Other dis. generally notifiable:-													
Erysipelas.	1.								1				
Measles.	162.	2	14	29	84	27	3	3	-	-	-	0.	0.
Whooping Cough.	8.	1	1	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.	0.
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	1.								1			1.	
Other Dis. notifiable locally.	Nil.												
Totals.	179.	3	15	33	88	27	3	3	1	6	-	2.	3.

Tuberculosis - New Cases & Mortality, 1941.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1.								
1 - 5.								
5 - 15.				1.				
15 - 25.		1.	3.			1.		
25 - 35.								
35 - 45.								
45 - 55.	1.	1.			1.			
55 - 65.								
65 & Over.								
	1.	2.	3.	1.	1.	1.	Nil.	Nil.

I have the honour to be,
Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,
F. G. ALLAN.